

4778. Adulteration of cloves. U. S. * * * v. 760 Bales of Extracted Cloves. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 7408. I. S. No. 20273-1, 20274-1. S. No. W-91.)

On May 4, 1916, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 760 bales of extracted cloves, aggregating 56 tons, consigned by the Vero A. Chemical Co., New York, N. Y., and W. J. Sparks, New York, N. Y., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at San Francisco, Cal., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of New York into the State of California, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted wholly of exhausted cloves, possessing no flavor or odor, and, further, in that clove oil, a valuable constituent, had been wholly abstracted therefrom.

On June 5, 1916, the claimant having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be delivered to said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and execution of bond in the sum of \$2,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*